

Enhancement of the Salary and Allowances of the low paid Government Officials.

*Q.—248. Sri H. K. SIDDIAH (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the steps taken by them to increase the salary and allowances of low paid Government Officials;

(b) whether they are aware that the said officials are put to great hardship due to the rise in prices;

(c) whether they intend to raise the lowest salary to at least Rs. 100 per mensem?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(a) Liberal scales of pay have been allowed with effect from 1st January 1957.

(b) This is a matter of opinion.

(c) This will not be possible in view of the highly limited financial resources.

Holidays to Thoties and Talaris.

*Q.—294. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays thoties and talaris are entitled to avail in a year;

(b) the different designations given to these people in all the integrated areas of the State?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Nil.

(b) Thotis, Talaris, Seth Sanadis or Walihars, Mahars, Barkars, Kulvadis.

Notice of Privilege Motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Arumugham has given notice of a motion of breach of Privilege. It reads as follows:

“The Public Accounts Committee of the Mysore Legislature, during its inspection tour, visited

Hospet on 23rd January 1959 to study the working of the Sugar Factory, Kampli, the Thungabhadra Project, and the Hydro-electric Works, Munirabad. The officials of the Public Works Department wilfully did not make any arrangements for the members of the Committee to go round the above places and prevented the Committee in discharging its official duty”.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

In this connection there appears to be some misunderstanding between the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Government officers. The information given by the Committee was different and the action which was to be taken was different. I will supply detailed information for the benefit of the House and I hope Sri Arumugham will be satisfied and would not press the motion further.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Is not the attitude of the officer insulting.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—That question does not arise at this stage. If I allow the motion, then the matter may be raised. In view of the statement made by the Hon'ble the Chief Minister, we will wait for some time.

Members' Representation.

Sri B. SHAMSUNDER (Bhalki).—For the last fifteen days we have been observing that the problem of the Scheduled Castes is not treated properly. We are not given the importance due to us. I have to say that even the Chair—excuse me for the remark—has been partial.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member will have to withdraw those words unconditionally.

Sri B. SHAMSUNDER.—I withdraw them, Sir, but I would like to say that whereas some members have been given opportunity to speak for a long time, the members of the Scheduled Castes have not been given time at all. The problem of the Depressed Classes is the problem of the country. For the last five days promises have been extended

to us that we would be given chances to speak, but we waited in vain. In such circumstances, I do not think that any purpose would be served by the Scheduled Castes Members remaining in the House, particularly because when we return to our constituencies we would not be able to answer the people. I may kindly be pardoned if I say that democracy is not being worked out properly in this State. As a protest against this attitude, all the members would stage a walk out.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the members want to walk out, I have no objection. I cannot prevent anyone from going out.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMIYA (Channapattana).—In sympathy with our Scheduled Caste friends, we would also walk out.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—There are 29 members in this House, yet we were not given chances to speak.

(All the members of the Opposition then withdrew from the House).

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would submit to the House that the attitude taken by the members of the Opposition is incorrect. I have given them enough time. I know for certain that Sri Arumugham spoke, Sri Shamsunder spoke; many members belonging to the Scheduled Castes from the party in power also spoke. Under these circumstances any charge that sufficient time was not given to members of the Scheduled Castes does not bear with facts.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Mysore city).—There should have been reservations.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no reservation for speeches. That is the trouble with me. In fact, the Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes made an exhaustive statement about the problem. Under these circumstances if any Hon'ble Member feels that he has not been given a chance, I would only say that it would not be possible for me to give a chance to every Scheduled Caste member. It is for

them to choose their spokesmen who can sufficiently put forward their case before the House.

Sri GAJANAN PANDIT (Mangalore II).—May I know how many Scheduled Caste members spoke during the budget debate?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will ascertain and tell the House. So far as the problem of the Scheduled Castes are concerned, it does not matter as to which party they come from. They are all of one mind.

(At this stage some members of the Opposition returned to the House.)

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Hospet).—May I know if the non-Scheduled Caste Opposition members have deserted their Scheduled Caste friends?

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—There is no question of desertion. The Hon'ble Member does not seem to be aware of the orthodox parliamentary traditions as to how a walk out may be a token one. Out of sympathy with our friends and in order to express our displeasure, we went out. That does not amount to desertion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is a token walk out as far as the non-Scheduled Caste Opposition members are concerned. With regard to the Scheduled Caste Opposition members it is a real walk out *(Laughter)*.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—I beg to lay on the Table the Mysore Ministers Travelling Allowance Rules, 1959 issued under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Mysore Ministers Salaries and Allowances Act, 1956.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—I beg to lay on the table of the House Notification No. RD 54 SPS 58 (A), dated 9th March 1956 issued under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1957.